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Westly: Sacramento Needs Shaking Up

Controller Comments on California Performance Review

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement on the California Performance Review report:

“The Governor is shaking up Sacramento – and let’s face it, Sacramento needs shaking up.

“Consolidating and streamlining government is long overdue. Part of the process is to get rid of the boards and commissions Sacramento can live without. Clearly, we don’t need a Service Agency Advisory Committee to check the scales at supermarkets. And unless the old movie ‘the Swamp Thing’ is for real, we don’t need an Interagency Aquatic Invasive Species Council.

“There are elements of this proposal I cannot support. The proposal to eliminate the Air Resources Board concerns me. Streamlining government is no reason to short-circuit sound environmental controls. Also, as a parent, I’m concerned to see the closing of county offices of education. We don’t want to sacrifice local control over our schools to Sacramento.”

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